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FORGED CHECKS

Passed on Two Grocers Saturday For Small Amounts--Criminal Not Captured.

Two forged checks were passed in Hillsboro Saturday evening by a stranger, who has not been seen since. The name of Walter Hamilton, who lives on the Ira Hiestand farm, was forged to both of the checks. One check was for \$10.50 and was made payable to Fuller & Ross, who conduct a grocery on N. High street, the other was for \$10, payable to John Zimmerman and was passed at the grocery of D. D. Hiestand.

The stranger's mode of operation was the same at both groceries. He first went to Fuller & Ross' grocery and ordered a bill of groceries amounting to \$3.20, tendering the \$10.50 check in payment. He said he was employed by Mr. Hamilton. The check was accepted and the stranger given \$7.30 in change. He left the groceries and said he would call for them later.

He must have gone directly from the Fuller & Ross' grocery to D. D. Hiestand's as both places were worked between six and seven o'clock. At the Hiestand grocery he claimed that he had been tacking signs all day for the Hamilton & Hiestand sale which was held Tuesday. He purchased a bill of goods amounting to \$4.20 and tendered a check for \$10, payable to John Zimmerman and signed by Walter Hamilton, in payment. The check was accepted and he was given \$5.80 in change. Here, as at the other grocery, he said that he would call for the groceries later and left. Since then he has not been seen or heard of.

The first know edge that Fuller & Ross and Mr. Hiestand had that the checks were forgeries, was about 10 o'clock that night. Fuller & Ross were preparing to close for the evening and found the groceries of the stranger still there. Then they called up Mr. Hiestand, who is a son of Ira Hiestand, on whose farm Mr. Hamilton lives, and asked him if he knew anything about the fellow. Mr. Hiestand was also waiting for Mr. Zimmerman and when each had told the other his story, both decided that it was time to notify the police. But the stranger was gone and has not been heard of since.

He was a young man, smooth face, medium height, talked from corner of his mouth and was about 20 years of age.

It is understood that he has been working a number of towns in this same way. His graft is so small and the chances so great that it is a certainty that it will only be a short time before he will be caught.

One of the Wonders of Century.

To be a favorite with the people year after year in these days of cheap vaudeville and picture shows, there must be a great merit in the production of the "The Missouri Girl." Here are a few facts and figures regarding the famous play. Box office statement from a recent engagement at the Solisson Theatre at Connelville, Pa., show 1673 paid admissions with gross receipts of \$692.30, their sixth time there, while the Grand Opera House at Uniontown, Pa., turned out 1351 paid admissions with gross receipts of \$549.30, also the sixth time. Dover, Delaware, on its fourth visit there turned out \$306.20; Bristol, Tenn., third time, \$277.65; Zanesville, Ohio, fourth time, \$356.15, and Hamilton, Ohio, the seventh time, \$361.50. Some class, eh? But there's a reason. The people like it. The Connelville Daily Courier remarked that "the cast is the best yet seen in this popular comedy." The Uniontown Daily Herald said, "Although having been seen five previous times in this city, 'The Missouri Girl' drew two capacity houses to the Grand Saturday, and it was evident that the big audience enjoyed the performances immensely." The play is said to hold over one thousand house records throughout the country for the most paid admissions. Manager Ayres has secured this famous play for date of Feb. 1, 1912.

Prize Corn.

At the corn show held at Springfield on Jan. 16, 17 and 18, Jacob W. Willett, a progressive farmer, who resides a few miles east of town, won 2nd prize on Rotten Clarge in Class A and 5th prize on Rotten Clarge in Class D. Mr. Willett is establishing an enviable record as a grower of good corn, having entered samples of his corn at all the big corn shows in the last few years and having always won prizes.

Marriage Licenses.

Ora Leininger and Hallie Chaney, both of Hillsboro.
Everett Thompson, of Hillsboro, and Ruth Hart, of Russell.

CHAUTAUQUA MEETING

Held Monday and Reorganized, Also Winding Up Last Season's Affairs.

A meeting of the members of the Hillsboro Chautauqua Association was held at the Court House Monday night. About 40 members were present.

The organization for the 1912 Chautauqua was partly effected, C. F. Whisler being elected vice-president, J. W. Watts, secretary, and J. W. Evans, secretary. A committee composed of Dr. W. Hoyt, Sam R. Free, C. M. Kerns, Dr. O. A. Thompson and John M. McMullen was appointed with authority to select a president and manager and report their selection through the press.

A set of rules to govern the association was adopted. Under those rules the executive committee shall consist of the president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and manager. This committee is authorized to appoint all other committees.

The report of J. W. Watts, secretary of the Association last year, showed that 152 citizens of Hillsboro and vicinity had signed as guarantors to made good any deficiency that might arise on this year's assembly.

Prior to the reorganizing of the association for this year, a report was made of the affairs of last year's association. The report showed a balance of \$32.85 in the hands of the treasurer. The total cost of holding the assembly last year was \$2470.25. \$1728.55 of that amount was expended for talent on the program. The receipts from sale of season tickets, tickets at gate and privileges were \$2186.10. Of the 154 guarantors in case of deficit, all but one paid the assessment of \$2. This is a remarkable record. \$11 was also donated by people not guarantors. Since last year's Chautauqua it is not necessary to speak of what a pleasant and beneficial institution it is for a community. With the people of Hillsboro promoting and guaranteeing the entertainment, everyone will know that an excellent program will be prepared and the support should be even more liberal and enthusiastic than last year.

The work of securing talent will be begun at an early date.

C. F. Whisler acted as chairman of the meeting and J. W. Watts, as secretary.

Real Estate Transfers.

Ida Fishback et al to Herschel Taylor, Leesburg, lot, \$1.
C. S. Sonner to J. G. Sonner, Whiteoak tp, \$a, \$1.
John P. Ericson to J. F. Van Pelt, Fairfield tp, 23a, \$225.
Curtis W. Wilson to Charles H. Frost, Liberty tp, 98a, \$1.
Margaret Campbell to M. R. Willett, Hillsboro, lot, \$1.
George W. Hullitt to Stewart Taylor, Paint tp, 28a, \$1100.
W. B. Wood et al to John Q. O'dell, Greenfield, lot, \$1.
Mary A. Brulport admrx to Cinnie Miller, Lynchburg, lot, \$1900.
Cinnie Miller to Mary Brulport, Lynchburg, lot, int, \$1.
Mary P. Hill to M. L. Matthews, Greenfield, lot, int, \$229.
S. V. Wright admr to M. L. Matthews, Madison tp, lot, \$321.
Flossie Pethithory Ruble to James Fenwick, Whiteoak tp, 49a, \$1250.
Jesse Horton to James Winegardner, Hillsboro, lot, \$1.
Clara Larkin to E. H. McClure, Hillsboro, lot, \$1.
Robert H. Young to Hamer Hawthorn, Liberty tp, 9a, \$1.
M. R. Willett to Margaret Campbell, Hillsboro, lot, \$1.
Henry Moeller, trustee, to Chas. I. Harris, Greenfield, lot, \$1.
H. A. Greening to M. Irwin Dunlap, Greenfield, lot, \$1.
Hillsboro Cemetery Ass'n. to Julius Martin, Hillsboro, lot, \$38.50.
Julius Martin to Thomas C. Halladay, Hillsboro, lot, \$1.
Sallie C. Harrison et al to Samuel W. Drake, Hamer tp, 9a, \$1.
J. C. Ludwick to D. D. Ludwick, Liberty tp, lots, \$1.

New Market Baptist Church.

Regular services next Sunday morning and evening, with preaching by the pastor. "Not Less Flowers in Death, but More in Life," will be the subject in the morning. The pastor will say in part that gratitude is one of the fine arts that few learn to practice.

"The Urgency of the Gospel," will be the theme in the evening, when it will be said that we must keep up with the procession, or get left.

The Sunday School reached high water mark last Sunday.

Ten young people received the ordinance of Baptism at the morning service, six young men and four young ladies.

WORTHLESS CHECKS

Are Given by Stranger Here Last Week, But His Game Is Not Apparent.

What was his game? Where did he expect to get his graft? This is what a number of Hillsboro citizens would like to know about a stranger, who spent from Thursday until Saturday here.

A small man, aged about 45, drooping mustache, hatchet face and who had the asthma very badly, arrived here Thursday afternoon on the 2:15 traction car. When he got off the traction car he inquired for a real estate agent and was directed to the office of R. D. McClure. He told Mr. McClure that his name was S. S. Shutt and that he was from Coore's Hill, Ind. He had sold his farm there and wanted to buy a good farm of from 140 to 160 acres.

Friday and Saturday Mr. McClure took Mr. Shutt around and showed him several farms. Mr. Shutt seemed to be satisfied with the Lemon farm on the Willettsville pike just west of where the railroad crosses the pike and a contract was drawn up to bind the sale, Mr. Shutt giving a check for \$300 on the Moore Hill (Ind.) State Bank. When he gave the check to Mr. McClure he said that if Mr. McClure had any doubt about the check being good he would pay the charges for telegraphing to the bank. Mr. McClure replied that that was not necessary for if the check was good the deal was made and if it was bad no one was hurt and the deal was off. The check was then mailed to the bank in a special delivery letter.

While here Mr. Shutt stopped at the Hotel Parker. Landlord Johnson says he was a pleasant guest and paid his bill on Saturday up to Saturday night, but did not pay for his lodging Saturday night.

He spent his money very freely always insisting on buying the cigars, when he and Mr. McClure started out to look at farms, had Mr. McClure at the hotel for meals, tipped the help about the hotel and was always treating the men about the hotel to cigars. On Saturday he purchased a watch for \$10 from E. W. Muntz, giving Mr. Muntz a check for that amount on the Moore's Hill Bank. He had no trouble passing this small check as Frank A. Lemon, who is employed by Mr. Muntz, with his sister, Mrs. Lepley, owns the farm Mr. Shutt had apparently purchased.

Sunday morning Mr. Shutt left the hotel early saying he was going out to the farm and has not been heard from since.

Monday morning Mr. McClure received word from the Moore's Hill Bank stating that they did not know anyone by the name of S. S. Shutt and that he had no account there and asking a description of him. When Mr. McClure described him they said that this man had worked Moore's Hill on the same game the week before, but going under the name there of A. J. Johnson and claiming Cincinnati as his home.

The deal the stranger had with Mr. McClure and the watch purchase of Mr. Muntz are the only operations that he had here that have come to light. He got nothing from Mr. McClure and the watch deal was too small to pay him for his trouble. Unless some one was stung, who is keeping quiet it is hard to imagine just what his game was, as he spent much more than the watch was worth. The Moore's Hill people also claim that he got nothing there to pay him for his trouble.

He seemed to have plenty of money and the question is who is paying the bills?

Senior Essays.

Senior Essays will be given Thursday night at 7:30 at the Washington School Building. Patrons of the schools are invited. Admission free. Piano Solo.....Miss Ruth Garrett Invocation.....Rev. Chas. Coleman Some Class Preferences (Pictures with Lantern)

The American Laborer.....Anna Favor
Motograph.....Stanley Jordan
Violin Solo.....Miss Goldie Mauntell
A Woman's Right.....Melva Redkey
Are We a Wasteful People?.....Reece Barrett
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Roy Rogers
The Panama Canal.....Anna DeMone
The Peace Movement.....Lucy Edmonds
Piano Duet.....Nelle Brunner
The Tropics.....Mae He Troup
Will America Be Greater?.....Mary Peike
The Secret of Tomorrow.....Homer Spargur
Mr. George Garrett will have charge of the program which will begin promptly at 7:30.

The Methodist church at Bainbridge caught fire Sunday morning of last week through a defect in the heating apparatus. It was put out by members with only slight damage. The Methodists have had two churches destroyed by fire at Bainbridge and the blaze Sunday made them fearful that the present building would meet a like fate.

38 MORE INDICTMENTS

Returned Against the Officials and Contractors of Brown County.

The Brown county grand jury made a further report last week and returned 38 additional indictments against former county officials and contractors. This makes 51 indictments returned and the work of the grand jury is not yet completed.

Thirteen additional indictments were returned against former commissioner Hare and Davis. This makes 16 indictments against each of them. The last indictments are for accepting bribes in office.

John P. Purdum, who has been doing much of the county's work, was indicted for fraud in connection with the court house square improvement.

George R. Hoss, former county surveyor and engineer, is also indicted for fraud on this improvement and also for returning false estimates on contracts for the construction of turnpikes.

William Jones, superintendent of the county infirmary, is under indictment, charged with having paid former infirmary director, Adam Bauer, \$200 for the appointment. John E. Burris, who was an applicant for the appointment, and William Wilson, an infirmary director, are each under indictment, charged with having offered, Adam Bauer, \$500 to vote for Burris for the position.

C. E. Biehn, former county auditor, and Samuel Kautz, former county treasurer, are each under indictment, charged with failure to make reports as required by law of the fees of their respective offices.

A. J. Kiskadden, former county clerk, is under indictment, charged with embezzlement of \$124 of public money.

The grand jury when it reported last week was not finally discharged and it is claimed that further indictments will be returned.

O. R. Eyer, editor of the Georgetown News-Democrat, is the foreman of the grand jury. All of the men under indictment are Democrats and are friends of Mr. Eyer's, men, whose election he urged, so his position has been anything but a pleasant one. He is to be commended for the fairness and impartiality which he has apparently shown in the performance of his disagreeable duty.

"A Pair of Country Kids."

Each year new plays are presented to the theater going public and the percentage of successes are few and the wise manager who can pick a winner these strenuous days of hustling is to be congratulated. Manager Smith is to be congratulated in the success of the "Country Kids" for it ranks among last season's biggest successes. The play is really one of the best of its class and has proven just what the public want--lots of fun, elegant scenery, a pleasing story and enough sensation to give it real life and color. One of the principal factors of the success has been the superb company selected to give it the na urality and life-like portrayal of plays of this class. Actors who look and can act the parts assigned them and no caricatures, but the real rural folks we see on the farm.

"A Pair of Country Kids" will appear at Bell's Opera House, Monday, Feb. 5.

Coronation Picture.

The first motion pictures ever taken of a Coronation ceremony were those of the "Durbar" at Delhi, India, last month. This entire Coronation ceremony was held in the open air. The parade was the most gorgeous and expensive one that has ever been seen. There are over 1000 elephants alone in the procession, and with their trappings of gold, make quite a brilliant display. This picture will be shown for just one night, at the Orpheum on Wednesday, Feb. 7. Three shows, the first at 7 p. m., the next two at 8:10 and 9:10, respectively. Seat orders can be left at the box office any time and can be filled in their order. Believe us, this will be your only chance to see this wonderful picture, taken over 16,000 miles away.

Hand Amputated.

William Weber, the prominent horseman of Five Mile, had to have his right hand amputated last week. He caught his hand in a feed mill and it was so badly lacerated it had to be amputated at the wrist. Mr. Weber is well known here and in the western part of the county.

H. M. Leroy, an architect of Cincinnati, was here Tuesday to arrange for leveling and grading the lot on which the Hillsboro and Highland County Hospital building will be erected.

COST OF LIVING

Proposal Submitted by Dr. Brown, Which he Claims Will Reduce It.

Dr. H. M. Brown, Highland county's delegate to the constitutional convention, last week submitted a proposal to incorporate in the new constitution, which he claims will decrease the cost of living.

The proposal provides that the legislature and all municipal governments shall be forever prohibited from placing any tax or license on the traffic in poultry meat and vegetables.

In most cities and villages at this time the municipal government can impose a license on persons who sell produce of this kind or goods of any kind. As for instance a truck gardener or farmer who wants to bring his produce to town and sell it from house to house directly to the people, can be compelled to pay a license to the city or village for that privilege. If Dr. Brown's proposal is incorporated in the constitution, it will not be possible to continue to do this on food stuffs.

Dr. Brown claims that his proposal will allow consumers to purchase food cheaper and farmers to secure a better price for their produce than they do now. He says there is no good reason why a man should be compelled to pay a license to sell the necessities of life, that such a license is neither fair to the consumer or to the producer.

The purpose of the license which is now permitted is to place occasional dealers on the same basis as the local merchant, who has his rent, light and other expenses to keep up and prevent him from coming into competition with people who in no way pay towards supporting the city or village government.

Petitions Circulating.

Several men have already announced their candidacy for different county offices and have their petitions out.

Sheriff C. A. Long is a candidate for re-nomination and began circulating his petition Monday. Mr. Long is serving his first term and the Republicans will undoubtedly renominate him at the primary without opposition.

Two Republicans have already come out for the nomination for treasurer. They are Deputy Treasurer John Penn and Carey Turner. Both are well qualified for the position, good Republicans and either would make an excellent treasurer. Both are circulating petitions.

Roscoe McCoppin began circulating his petition Saturday and will be a candidate at the May primaries for the Republican nomination for clerk of courts. Mr. McCoppin was deputy auditor under John Q. Roads and is well known throughout the county.

A number of the friends of A. W. Pence, of New Market township, have been urging him to be a candidate for county commissioner, but he has not given a definite answer to their solicitations.

John S. Faris, recorder, W. A. Teter, auditor, and B. O. Pratt, surveyor, will all undoubtedly be given re-nomination by the Republicans as they are serving their first term, although none of them have out petitions.

Many rumors of candidates for different offices both by Republicans and Democrats are being circulated, but no other candidates are yet in the field.

Miss Viola Lewis, who is employed at the Highland House, was badly scalded last week. She was carrying a kettle of boiling water to the cellar when she tripped, spilling the water on herself and scalding both legs from the knees to the ankles. Her injuries are very painful and she has gone to her home at North Union to remain until she recovers.

If you are looking for an opportunity to buy some of the best land in Highland county, you should attend the administrator's sale of the real estate of the late William H. Burnett, which will be held at the late residence, near New Vienna, next Tuesday afternoon. A full description of the land will be found on page 6 of this paper. For further particulars see John Great-house, administrator, New Vienna, or D. Q. Morrow, attorney, Hillsboro.

The safe in the postoffice at Jeffersonville was wrecked by robbers Wednesday night of last week. The outer door of the safe was blown but the inner door remained intact. Within the inner door was several hundred dollars worth of stamps and money and \$3,000 of postal saving certificates. The burglars were scared away without attempting to blow this door. Less than \$5 was secured by the burglars.

Don't forget the candy Specials at Stabler's every Saturday

\$3,000 DAMAGES

Given Lucy Gibson by Jury--Diskete Wins Case--One New Case Filed.

The case of The Capital City Rubber Co. vs. Alva Diskete was tried before Judge Newby and a jury the first of the week. The case went to the jury Wednesday morning and after being out only a few minutes they returned a verdict for the defendant, assessing his damages at \$50. Diskete is a merchant at Buford and purchased a bill of rubber goods from the plaintiff, amounting to \$427.87. He paid \$200 on the account and then returned a large part of the goods, claiming they were defective and did not comply with the contract and setting up a counter claim. Before the justice of the peace a judgment was rendered against him for \$227.87. This was reversed in the trial here and Diskete given a judgment of \$50 on his counter claim.

EIGHT YEARS IN PEN.

Lon DeLaney plead guilty Wednesday for shooting with intent to wound, and was given ten years in the penitentiary by Judge Newby.

SUIT ON CONTRACT.

The case of R. P. Barrett vs. J. Arthur Barrett, which is a suit on a contract began Wednesday afternoon before Judge Newby and a jury.

ONE NEW CASE.

Only one new case was filed in the Common Pleas Court last week. It was an appeal from the court of A. T. McLean, Justice of the Peace of Madison township. G. F. Howell secured a judgment against H. M. Eckert for \$83.75 and costs. Howell alleged that he was compelled to pay the sum of \$83.75 to the People's National Bank of Greenfield on a note given by the defendant on which the plaintiff was surety. The defendant appealed the case.

\$3000 DAMAGES

The jury in the case of Lucy Gibson against Ward Allen brought in a verdict for the plaintiff Friday afternoon, after being out only a few hours, and fixed her damages at \$3,000. The defendant through his attorneys filed a motion for a new trial, which has not been heard. This case was one in which everyone had great sympathy for the plaintiff, the accident whereby her scalp was torn from her head being a most deplorable affair. The accident as will be remembered occurred in a laundry in Greenfield, owned by Mr. Allen. It was claimed that Mr. Allen was negligent in not placing greater safeguards around his employees and this the jury must have found, although no one doubts but that Mr. Allen thought he was being careful.

E. B. Stivers, who has been editor of the Sardinia News for the past three years, last week severed his connection with the paper. In his announcement of his withdrawal from newspaper work, he states that the condition of his health and the accomplishment of his purpose are the causes of his action; that he entered the newspaper field to drive boodlers and grafters out of Brown county politics and the action of the recent grand jury sees this goal attained. Mr. Stivers is a forceful and entertaining writer and gave the people of Sardinia an excellent paper.

Probate Court Proceedings.

Guy Winkle, admr. of Samuel Winkle filed distributive account.
Mary A. Brulport, admrx. of Jos. E. Brulport, filed first and final account.
Will of Israel Dehass probated.
Earl Rizer appointed exr. of Israel Dehass.
Wm. Hoyt, gdn. of Mary Graham McKeehan, filed statement in lieu of account.
Lenora W. McKeehan appointed gdn. of Mary Graham McKeehan.
Lida E. Mickel et al, admrs. of Mary A. Pence, filed inventory and appraisement.
Lida E. Mickel, gdn. of Mary A. Pence, filed first and final account.
Charles W. Scott appointed admr. of Daniel F. Scott.

It is reported that the state bureau of accounting and public offices has ruled that boards of education must not pay the salary of teachers while attending teachers institutes and that all boards will receive instructions within the next few days to refrain from so doing in the future. If this ruling has been made it is based on an opinion given to the department by Attorney General Hogan.

Gov. Harmon last week issued a proclamation in which he designated April 5, as Arbor Day. Two hours will be devoted to the subject of forestry in all the public schools of the state on that day.